

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EUFAULA CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022**

The Eufaula City Council met in a regular session on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 5:15 p.m. in the police department courtroom at 545 East Barbour Street. Council President Register called the meeting to order, and Pastor Chris Sowell offered the invocation. President Register led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll the following members were present: Council President Wes Register, President Pro Tem Otis Hill, Councilman Marvin Brown, and Councilman Ben Garrison. Absent: Councilman John Robinson.

Also present: Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer, and City Attorney Joel Smith.

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Councilman Garrison congratulated honoree Quincey Banks who recently won the Conservation Farmer of the Year for the State of Alabama. Councilman Garrison presented honoree Banks with a Eufaula City Council coin for his noted contributions to farming. Honoree Banks gave an overview of his progressive farming techniques and practices for growing and harvesting his crops.

Council President Register congratulated and presented Eufaula City Council coins to Sergeant Ethan Wiggins and Corporal Jamie Ming. Sergeant Ethan Wiggins was selected as the U. S. Attorney's Office Middle District of Alabama Task Force Officer of the Year based on his outstanding conduct and contributions to the DEA Task Force. Sergeant Wiggins made notable arrests and seizures impacting the drug trade locally and in Central Alabama. Corporal Jamie Ming was recognized at the Alabama Narcotics Officers Association Conference as the 2021 Central Alabama Crime Stoppers Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Corporal Ming was recognized for his performance in narcotics suppression in Central Alabama as a task force officer with the Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Garrison offered a motion to approve the order of the amended agenda for Monday, October 17, 2022. President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and recorded as follows: Yeas: Councilman Garrison, Councilman Brown, President Pro Tem Hill, and President Register. Nays: None. President Register then announced that the amended agenda was approved and adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Register reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda for council approval.

- (a) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the regular session minutes of October 3, 2022.
- (b) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Prepaid Claims Docket dated September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$1,273,086.90.

- (c) Motion and second to dispense with and approve the Claims Docket dated October 12, 2022, in the amount of \$27,424.28.

Councilman Garrison offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced the Consent Agenda was approved and adopted.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Tibbs announced that David’s Catfish is currently in its initial planning/developing stage. The pre-con meeting for the Edgewood street repair project was held recently with a tentative date of completion by the end of 2022. The McKenzie parcel/building purchase for the Bluff City Inn project addition closed recently, and updates will be announced in the coming weeks.

VISITORS

Mr. John Grubbs, owner of Grubbs Family Mortuary, addressed the Council about traffic safety during funeral processions. His concerns referenced the request of law enforcement escort(s) working extended traffic processions. Mr. Grubbs stated that he has contacted the attorney general’s office and the governor’s office and received verification that he can become certified to direct traffic associated with funeral processions for his business. Mr. Grubbs suggested to the Council to consider adopting an ordinance that allows requested law enforcement escorts to escort at least thirteen vehicles during a funeral procession. President Register thanked Mr. Grubbs and stated that the Council will follow up on his concerns.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

President Register introduced Resolution 110-2022 (Proposal Proshot Inc. Work at Old Creek Town Park). President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 110-2022 (Proposal Proshot Inc. Work at Old Creek Town Park). Councilman Brown seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 110-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION 110-2022

WHEREAS, the 80” x 100’ CMP storm drainage pipe located at Old Creek Town Park is in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula obtained a proposal from Proshot Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$ 47,500.00 to rebar the lining to support traffic and open up the flow capacity of the pipe; and

WHEREAS, this project will rehabilitate the storm drainage pipe at Old Creek Town Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proposal from Proshot Concrete, Inc. be accepted, and that Mayor Jack B. Tibbs, Jr., in his official capacity, be authorized to execute all necessary documents relating to the project.

DONE THIS 17th Day of October, 2022.

THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Wes Register, City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 111-2022 (Accepting Donation of Greenhouse). Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 111-2022 (Accepting Donation of Greenhouse). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 111-2022 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
111-2022**

WHEREAS, the Eufaula Horticulture Department has been offered the donation of a 10x20 foot greenhouse; and

WHEREAS, the value of the greenhouse is \$7,500; and

WHEREAS, Westover Plantation and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Speak have made this very generous donation to the Horticulture Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Eufaula does hereby accept the generous donation of the greenhouse for the Eufaula Horticulture Department.

DONE THIS _____ day of October, 2022.

THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
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Wes Register, President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 112-2022 (Accept Quotes for Lighting Poles, Fixtures and Installation). President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 112-2022 (Accept Quotes for Lighting Poles, Fixtures and Installation). Council Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 112-2022 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

112-2022

WHEREAS, the City has (4) four street lighting poles and fixtures down; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eufaula received a quote on October 10, 2022 for the purchase and installation of street lighting poles and fixtures; and

WHEREAS, Southern Lighting & Traffic Systems submitted a quote of \$ 8,620.00 for the purchase of (4) four – auger poles; and

WHEREAS; the cost to install (4) four additional auger poles will be an additional \$ 4,600.00 payable to Temple J Electric, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby accepts the quote of Southern Lighting & Traffic Systems for the purchase of the additional poles and installation by Temple J Electric, LLC and hereby authorizes the Public Works Director to move forward with the completion of the project.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th of October, 2022.

CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
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Wes Register
City Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White
City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 113-2022 (Temporary Moratorium on Short Term Rentals). Councilman Garrison offered a motion to adopt Resolution 113-2022 (Temporary Moratorium on Short Term Rentals). President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 113-2022 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION
113-2022**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA
AUTHORIZING A NINETY (90) DAY MORATORIUM ON PERMITS
AND LICENSES RELATING TO SHORT TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES**

WHEREAS, promotion and maintenance of property values within the corporate limits of the City of Eufaula, Alabama (the “City”) and the health and general welfare of the citizens of the City are furthered and enhanced by adoption of regulations concerning the placement and use of residential and commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously adopted a Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan and other ordinances and regulations regulating the usage of properties within the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City deems it necessary and desirable to study feasibility of using residential or commercial properties as short term rentals and seeks to review its ordinances and regulations regarding licensure of said properties within certain zoning designations; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it appropriate that a moratorium barring for 90 days the acceptance of applications for permits or licenses for short term rentals in the City; and

WHEREAS, city staff needs time to review and make recommendations regarding the City’s ordinances and regulations relating to short term rentals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Eufaula, Alabama, does hereby adopt and enact a moratorium barring for 90 days the acceptance of any applications for permits or licenses pursuant to any and all statutes, ordinances, regulations, rules, and requirements, for short term rental properties (Air Bnb/VRBO) in the City of Eufaula, Alabama;

This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

THE CITY OF EUFAULA, ALABAMA

Wes Register, Council President

ATTEST:

Joy White, City Clerk/Treasurer

President Register introduced Resolution 114-2022 (Authorizing Mayor to Execute Amended Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System). President Pro Tem Hill offered a motion to adopt Resolution 114-2022 (Authorizing Mayor to Execute Amended Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System). Councilman Garrison seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced Resolution 114-2022 was adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COUNCIL ACTION/DISCUSSION

Council President Register opened the floor for a motion to re-appoint Ann Blondheim, Georgia Hamm, and Alenna Peak to each serve a four-year term on the Downtown Redevelopment Authority. Councilman Robinson offered a motion to re-appoint Ann Blondheim, Georgia Hamm, and Alenna Peak to the Downtown Redevelopment Authority. President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced that Ann Blondheim, Georgia Hamm, and Alenna Peak were each re-appointed to serve a four-year term that will expire October 15, 2026.

President Register opened the floor for a motion to re-appoint Jan Shoffit for a six-year term on the Downtown Redevelopment Authority. Councilman Garrison offered a motion to re-appoint Jan Shoffit to a six-year term. President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced that Jan Shoffit was re-appointed to serve a six-year term that will expire October 15, 2028.

President Register opened the floor for nominations for a vacant position to serve a six-year term on the Downtown Redevelopment Authority. There were no nominations at this time, and Councilman Garrison offered a motion to table this matter until the next council session. President Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. After a voice vote, President Register announced that this matter was tabled until the next council session.

REGULAR AGENDA (NEW BUSINESS)

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Garrison reported that city finances have remained stable over the last fiscal year. He encouraged the increase of revenue and minimized spending. Councilman Garrison noted that the increase of new businesses and new housing will help the increase in revenue and is optimistic about the coming fiscal year.

Council President Register announced that the voter registration and ID card event at the Carnegie Library was rescheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The library will distribute goody bags to the children on Monday, October 31, 2022 on Halloween night between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Eufaula High School band's annual haunted house was held on Friday, October 28-29, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each evening. Family friendly hours were held on those same dates from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The admission for this event was \$5.00 per person and was held at the National Guard Armory. The Eufaula Police Department and Main Street hosted a Halloween Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. downtown.

Parks & Rec Director Keef Pettis announced that the department will host the 8 and under and 10 and under district soccer tournaments. Basketball regular registration began on Saturday, October 1, 2022 through Monday, October 31, 2022, and late registration began Tuesday, November 1, 2022 through Sunday, November 13, 2022. The department has also received a grant that will help with the needed repairs of the boat dock.

Councilman Brown reported for the week of October 17, 2022, that the street department recycled 24 bales of cardboard. Code Enforcement issued 58 solid waste non-compliance letters. The shop crew completed 40 work orders entered for vehicle and/or equipment repairs. The litter crew collected 145 bags of litter. Trash crews collected and hauled 99 tons of debris to the Barbour County landfill. Garbage crew collected and hauled 115 tons of garbage.

Police Chief Steve Watkins encouraged the participation of the downtown Trunk or Treat Halloween event on Monday, October 31, 2022, noting that last year's successful participation included approximately 3,200-3,500 participants.

Mayor Tibbs announced that trick or treating would be held on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the same was on motion by Councilman Garrison, and duly seconded by President Pro Tem Hill, adjourned this 17th day of October, 2022.

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